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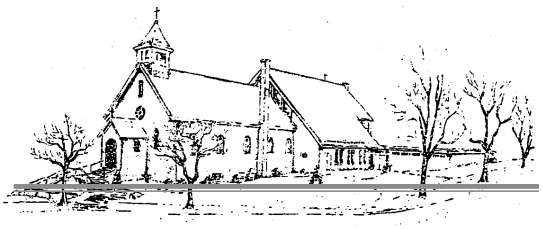

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 4 & 5, 2023

Year A

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MEETINGS: 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30pm

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: Vigil 5:00 pm
SUNDAY: 8:00 am and 10:00 am
HOLY DAY: Vigil 6:00 pm eve. prior day
8:00 am
WEEKDAY: 8:00 am Mon. thru Thurs.
No Mass on Friday
CONFESSIONS: Saturday 4:00 pm
WEDDINGS: Please call Father at least 6mos. prior
BAPTISMS: Please call Father to schedule.
ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call parish office.

OFFICE HOURS:
Mon., Wed, Thurs.: 8:00AM—4:00PM
Tuesday 2:00—5:00PM
Friday: 8:00AM—Noon

Daily Mass Readings: www.usccb.org
Daily Mass Schedules: www.dioceseofgreensburg.org

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Thoughts from Fr. Rod

Jesus uses a figure of speech in our gospel today called metaphor. It is a direct comparison of His disciples with salt and light. Why Jesus compared his disciples to a salt? Salt has properties needed in following the Lord. It preserves, and it gives taste. As witnesses of Jesus, His disciples are the ones that preserve the community from moral decay, and they have to foster unity of the community, and they must inspire others to do God's will. Another, He called them light of the world. A disciple is a beacon than shines in the dark, one that gives light. It means to guide, to be a model to people. So, these are some properties of Jesus' disciples which could not be without them to all those who follow Him. As we are also disciples of Jesus, we are therefore, the salt and light of the world.
So, we go, let's give light, and flavor the world!
Fr. Rod

Mass Intentions
For 2023
are now being accepted
Call the Parish office to schedule yours.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 5, 2023

The just man is a lightin darkness to the upright. Psalm 112:4-5,6-7,8-9

$tewardship

January 28 & 29, 2023

Offertory:	$3,044
Online:	$1,112
Operating Expenses	$43
Loose:	$287
Children:	$28
Candles	$77
Ash Wednesday	$15
Catholic Accent	$55
Total:	**$4,661**
Budget:	**$7,700**
Over/(Under):	**($3,039)**

Diocesan Collections

Home Missions $10

To Donate to Holy Cross Online go to
www.holycrossyoungwood.org
Click on "Donate" and follow the prompts
Call the office if you have any questions

MASS INTENTIONS

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAT. FEB 4	5:00PM	JOHN JAROCKI, SR. (FAMILY)
SUN. FEB 5	8:00AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
	10:00AM	MARY NAYLOR (HUSBAND & CHILDREN)
MON. FEB 6	8:00AM	LIVING MEMBERS OF THE NEMEC FAMILY (DR. JACK)
TUE. FEB 7	8:00AM	DANIEL GENARD, SR (FAMILY)
WED. FEB 8	8:00AM	EDWARD & LIBBY LEVENDOSKY (LOU & KAREN BOMPIANI)
THU. FEB 9	8:00AM	GEORGE ZAZARRO (FAMILY)
FRI. FEB 10		NO MASS————————————

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAT. FEB 11	5:00PM	HEALTH & WELFARE OF GEORGE & BERNADETTE SOLTIS (CAROL KALICH)
SUN. FEB 12	8:00AM	BENNY POLICASTRO (SON)
	10:00AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS

Greensburg Area Sunday Evening Regional Mass

Our Lady of Grace Church, 1011 Mount Pleasant Road,
Greensburg, PA **6:00 PM Sunday Evening**

Although we are no longer streaming a live mass from Holy Cross, you can stay connected by going to:

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 11 & 12, 2023

SAT FEB 11 5PM: ALTAR SERVERS—HOUGHTALEN
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—HELMAN LECTOR—MCCASKIE

SUN FEB 12 8AM: ALTAR SERVERS— TROPEANO
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—DERR LECTOR—FALCONE

10AM: ALTAR SERVERS—LUBECKI
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—DREXLER

MONEY COUNTERS—ROMANO, E LUCAS, K ADAMOSKI

Thank you all for your service! Check before Mass to see if you are needed.

If a loved one has passed away and is a member of Holy Cross Church, please notify the parish office. We must update our records accordingly.

When you are admitted to a hospital or nursing home, please tell the admissions staff and nurses that you are Roman Catholic and would like a visit from the facility's Catholic Chaplain. This is due to HIPAA privacy laws. The Chaplain is often able to see you and administer the sacraments during times when the pastor is not available.

If you experience any personal injury on church property, please call the office or speak to Fr. Rodriguez

IF YOU HAVE ANY SUSPICION about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone, please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer, you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221.

The Word—Year C
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 58: 7-10

Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed….

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

I came to you in weakness and fear….

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.

Pastoral Council—February 6 @ 7PM

Finance Council—February 15 @6PM

Ash Wednesday - February 22
(Mass/Ashes) 8AM
(Ashes only) 6 PM
Stations of the Cross—During Lent
Wednesdays at 12:10 PM/Fridays 7PM

Lenten Window /Altar Candle

If you would like to reserve a Lenten Window/Altar candle in honor or in memory of a loved one, please call the parish office or place your request in the collection basket Cost is $25 per candle. Space is limited!

Deadline Monday, February 27th

The Sanctuary Candle

Which acknowledges the Real Presence of Christ in the Tabernacle, is burning from

February 5 thru February 11

In Memory of

Daniel, Sr & Virginia Genard

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In Sympathy

Please remember
in your prayers
the soul of parishioner

SARA DEMONTE

Wife of parishioner
Jack Demonte

May God welcome her into the joy of everlasting life and bring peace and comfort to her family.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK
EASTERN EUROPEAN COLLECTION

The proceeds from this collection will help the Church to overcome the challenges of rebuilding after decades of atheistic communist rule, bringing light to twenty-nine nations in Central and Eastern Europe, such as Croatia, the Czech Republic, Poland, Serbia, Slovakia, and Ukraine. The citizens of Central and Eastern Europe have been freed from the evil of communism for over thirty years, but great need still remains. Although the tyranny of communism did not snuff out the Catholic faith in these countries, the people of Central and Eastern Europe do need our assistance and financial help because they do not have the resources to "Restore the Church and Build the Future" on their own.

Super Bowl breakfast Feb. 12 in Jeannette

Sacred Heart and Ascension Parishes, Jeannette, will host a Super Bowl pancake and sausage breakfast Sunday, Feb. 12, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in Mersinger Hall. Cost is $10 for adults and $5 for children ages 6-10 (free for those under 5). For tickets, call 724-527-1430 or 724-244-5104.

Super Bowl 'Souper' Feb. 12 at St. Edward Parish, Herminie

St. Edward Parish, Herminie, will hold a "Super Bowl Souper" Sunday, Feb. 12, from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. In addition to an all-you-can-eat sampling of more than 20 different homemade soups, sandwiches, desserts and beverages will be provided. There will also be a basket raffle and 50/50. Cost is $8 for adults and $4 for children under 10. Leftover soup can be purchased for $5. For information, call 724-446-5197.

"The **Youngwood Knights of Columbus Council"**
The Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Baby Bottle Campaign is now over.
Please return your bottles as soon as possible.

There will be two Marriage Sponsor Couple Training sessions at **Christ our Shepherd Center** on Saturday, February 11 and Saturday, February 18 from 8-12. Please invite couples you would like to be trained as sponsor couples for your parish's marriage preparation.

They can sign up for the event using the link below.
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/514086826537
Please ensure that your couple brings with them a copy of "For Better & For Ever" to the training.

Couples only need to attend 1 session. They do NOT need to attend both, unless they want to.

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, February 2, 2023, and in parishes over the weekend of February 4-5, 2023. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Help Wanted

Custodian & Facilities Maintenance Worker

Our Church, Holy Cross, is seeking a Custodian.
The position, a custodian/facilities maintenance worker is a part-time paid position of up to 20 hours per week. Duties are cleaning and minor maintenance and repairs for the church, rectory and the campus grounds and overseeing the effective and efficient operation of the parish campus.
For information, call the parish office at
724-925-7811 or email holycross@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Altar Servers Needed

We have lost a number of altar servers for various reasons for the upcoming year. If your son or daughter is interested in becoming an altar server, training is available.
Please contact Jennifer Kirshner at
jkirshner@dioceseofgreensburg.org or
call /email the parish office.

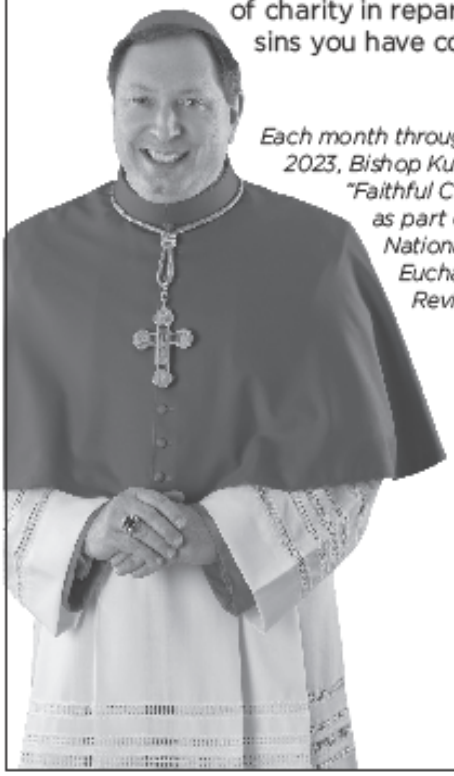
Adult servers are also welcome! Consider serving at mass!

February Faithful Challenge: FORGIVENESS

"Forgiveness is the essence of love which can understand mistakes and mend them." – *Pope Francis*

Throughout the month of February, Bishop Kulick is challenging the faithful of the Diocese of Greensburg to offer and seek forgiveness.

"What I'm asking you to do is reflect upon how you have harmed or even how you have been harmed by somebody, and make an outreach for reconciliation and forgiveness," Bishop Kulick said. "It may be as simple as making a phone call, sending a text or writing a letter. Or maybe just performing a kind deed of charity in reparation for sins you have committed."



Each month throughout 2023, Bishop Kulick will issue "Faithful Challenges" as part of the National Eucharistic Revival.

Challenge yourself to reach out by:

- **Writing a letter**
- **Sending a text**
- **Making a phone call**
- **Performing a kind deed**

Eucharistic Revival is a three-year process initiated by the USCCB to invite the faithful to reflect upon the mystery and meaning of the sacrament of the Eucharist in our lives. While much of year one involves providing devotional and formational opportunities for parish and Diocesan staff, you, too, can be a part of Eucharistic Revival right now! Visit the Diocese of Greensburg Facebook page every Thursday to participate in a Faithful Challenge, and hopefully you will feel yourself growing in a relationship with Christ. Visit the Eucharistic Revival resource page at **DioceseofGreensburg.org/EucharisticRevival** for videos, prayers and gathering dates. Consider Bishop Kulick's invitation to become an intentional disciple this year!

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